

Circulate Your Money at Home.

The people of Clifton, Morenci and Metcalf have, both in action and words, expressed to us their gratification in having a paper published that was giving faithful and correct news of what was weekly transpiring in their midst.

The life of a weekly paper is its local columns. To obtain good local news requires energy, alertness and a knowledge of what best suits the taste of subscribers. Information comes but very seldom to you; you must seek it; and to obtain news requires incessant work. The laborer is worthy of his hire, and it is the duty of the reading public, including the merchant, the miner, the manufacturer and the professional, to first support the local paper, not only for the publisher's benefit, but their own as well. The Era does not deny the right of any other paper to enter this section and solicit patronage, but it knows that the good sense of our people will lead them to first support their home paper. This office stands ready to give equal advantages to its customers as well as to ourselves, guaranteeing good workmanship at reasonable rates. Our people should follow the maxim laid down by one of the world's greatest financiers, Jay Gould:—"Always keep your money circulating at home as much as possible."

A company of Clifton society young ladies formed a picnic party Decoration day and had a most enjoyable time at a selected spot on the banks of the Frisco about a mile above town. The party consisted of the Misses Annie Crompton, Genevieve Smith, Ra Meeker, Alice Nevitt, and the Mrs. McCutchen, John Crompton and William Pitts. A fine lunch was served and kodak pictures taken of points of interest.

George L. McCormick left last Wednesday for Los Angeles, to be treated for aggravated heart trouble, and will, in all probability, be obliged to remain several months. His sister, Mrs. Alex McLean, of Metcalf, will remain sometime with him, it being necessary to have an operation performed on her baby's eye.

Clifton Court News.

There was quite a lively scrimmage in the district of the tenderloin 400 last Sunday and Monday, there being two hair-pulling and gouging encounters participated in by the fair sex of that quarter, a couple of whom appeared before Judge Wright, with their eyes in mourning, and gave liberal donations to the funds of the county treasury.

The following cases were tried before Justice Wright this week:

Maria Rita, for disturbing the peace, fined \$10.

Sara Donahue Trujillo, carrying concealed weapons, fined \$15.

Rosario Romero, drunk and disorderly, fined \$10.

Adelia Bertrand, drunk and disorderly, fined \$10.

Loisa Rita, drunk and disorderly, fined \$10.

Ida Hogan, drunk and disorderly, fined 10 dollars.

William Crompton, cattle buyer for the A. C. Co., reports cattle dying by the hundreds at Mule Springs and other points. The cattle all over the country are in poor condition and are obliged to go great distances for grass and then return to the river for water. He also states that there are great numbers of motherless calves who are in a terrible plight for food and water, and that at present there is little demand for cattle.

In the current issue of Harper's Weekly there is an article by Julian Ralph that throws some light on the question of salaries paid to our foreign ambassadors. Mr. Ralph shows that several of our consuls who receive very small salaries hold positions with the Standard Oil Company, which of course pays them very well and enables them to live in a manner suitable to their dignity.—*Flourish Tribune.*

During President Kimball's and Prof. Maeser and wife's visit to Clifton they were the honored guests of Gen'l Mgr. Colquhoun of the A. C. Co., who showed them every courtesy and did all in his power to make their visit a pleasant one.

Fire Department Needed in Clifton.

About two o'clock Sunday morning a fire alarm was sounded by the A. C. Co.'s whistle, and in a few minutes the bridge crossing the river was loaded with rounders responding to the call. It turned out to be of small moment but it gave evidence of the esteem in which the A. C. Co. is held by the public.

There is a long-felt want here in Clifton of a fire department on account of the inflammable nature of the majority of the buildings, and the Era would suggest that a meeting at some opportune time be held to consider the desirability of purchasing such fire apparatus as may be considered most desirable, and also the organization of a fire department be taken under consideration. The Era would further suggest that the A. C. Co. employees organize a fire brigade and systematic fire drills be held from time to time.

It is understood that the A. C. Co. will gladly co-operate with the people of Clifton so that the employees may become familiar with the different stations where hose could be connected, and that they also are willing to do their part by putting in water tanks at accessible points so that water can be tapped at the first alarm of fire.

It is further suggested that the city purchase a hand-power fire engine.

Constables Herman and Charles Keppler left Tuesday afternoon to look for the man Acosta who murdered Rodriguez three weeks ago at Metcalf. They have word that he is hiding out in the wood camps near Grandville, 25 miles north of Morenci.

Children's day will be held on the 11th of June at the Presbyterian church in Clifton at 7:30 p. m., and in Morenci on the 18th, same hour. There will be music and recitations by the children. All are invited to attend.

The Mexican boy that had the smallpox 18 miles from Morenci, on Eagle creek, died last Monday. Dr. Davis and Constable Keppler thoroughly disinfected the camp outfit and burned up all the family's clothing.

W. J. Stevens, the well-known field manager for the Provident Mutual Building & Loan Ass'n of Los Angeles, and R. L. Gibson, the local agent, are calling on friends in Clifton and Morenci this week.